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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: ABDUCTION OF OVAMBOS AND OTHER INCIDENTS

1. SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS OF APRIL 25 REPORTS THAT 72 OVAMBOS
WERE ABDUCTED BY SWAPO AND TAKEN TO ANGOLA ON APRIL 23. THE
PRESS REPORTS, WHICH QUOTE THE CHIEF OF THE SECURITY POLICE
IN SOUTH WEST AFRICA AS THEIR SOURCE, STATE THAT THE ABDUCTED
PERSONS WERE PASSENGERS ON A BUS BETWEEN OSHAKATI AND RUACANA
WHICH WAS HIJACKED BY BETWEEN 60 AND 70 SWAPO GUERRILLAS.
TWELVE ELDERLY WOMEN WERE REPORTEDLY ALLOWED TO DISEMBARK
BEFORE THE BUS AND THE REMAINING PASSENGERS WERE TAKEN INTO
ANGOLA.

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2. ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS, OVAMBO CHIEF MINISTER
CORNELIUS NDJOBA HAS URGED THE SAG TO LAUNCH A HOT
PURSUIT OPERATION INTO ANGOLA TO BRING BACK THE ABDUCTED
PERYONS. ADMINISTRATOR GENERAL STEYN REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED
"INDIGNATION AND REGRET" AT THE INCIDENT.

3. PRESS REPORTS ALSO QUOTE THEA ADF COMMANDER IN SOUTH WEST AFRICA, MAJOR GENERAL J. GELDENHUYS, AS SAYING THERE HAVE BEEN ELEVEN BORDER INCIDENTS DURING THE PAST WEEK, INCLUDING ABDUCTION OF A HEADMAN AND HIS FAMILY, BURNING OF A KRAAL, AND FIRING ON SECURITY FORCES FROM ACROSS THE BORDER. GELDENHUYS REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE INCREASE IN INCIDENTS WAS EXPECTED AND WAS TIMED TO COINCIDE WITH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEBATE ON THE TERRITORY.
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